

## KENTUCKY TITLE XXI STATE PLAN FACT SHEET

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### Background

- Kentucky's initial Medicaid expansion provided coverage for children ages 14 through 19 in families up to 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Coverage was further expanded to children ages 1 to 19 in families up to 150 percent of the FPL.

- Children 0 to 19 years of age in families up to 200 percent of the FPL who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid are enrolled in a separate child health program (KCHIP).

### **Amendments**

- Kentucky implemented its first amendment on July 1, 1999, expanding eligibility for its SCHIP Medicaid expansion to 150 percent of the FPL for children from birth to age 19.
- On June 19, 2000, Kentucky submitted its second amendment to change the service delivery mechanism by substituting the existing Medicaid infrastructure, and to create a separate child health program for children with family income between 150 and 200 percent of the FPL. Eligibility and health care services are provided through the existing Medicaid service delivery system. Cost sharing was deleted.
- On August 28, 2001, Kentucky submitted a third amendment to its title XXI plan to change the enrollment and re-certification process in both the Medicaid expansion and separate child health programs. Beginning June 1, 2001, the Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) resumed requiring written verification of income and proof of child-care expenses with the KCHIP/Medicaid initial mail-in application. DMS also resumed face-to-face interviews and verification of income and expenses for recipients at the time of their KCHIP re-certification. The amendment also updated the description of the State's service delivery model.
- On June 27, 2002, Kentucky submitted a fourth amendment that updates and amends the State plan to indicate the State's compliance with the final SCHIP regulations and to change the initial application and renewal processes.
- On September 24, 2002, Kentucky submitted a fifth amendment to charge 18-year olds a \$1 copayment for pharmacy prescriptions.
- On July 25, 2003, Kentucky submitted its sixth amendment to charge 18-year olds \$2 copayments for office visits to dentists (except for preventive dental visits), optometrists, opticians, audiologists, hearing aid dealers, chiropractors, and podiatrists.
- On October 29, 2003, the State submitted its seventh amendment to impose premiums of \$20 per family per month for families with incomes from 151 through 200 percent of the FPL. In addition, the amendment revises the KCHIP performance goals to increase consistency with available performance data, to make the goals more achievable given current performance in meeting the initial goals, and to bring one performance goal in line with the State's "Healthy Kentuckian" initiative.

### **Children Covered Under Program**

- The State reported that 91,828 children were ever enrolled in SCHIP in Federal fiscal year 2003.

## **Administration**

- The Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services holds operational responsibility for both the Medicaid expansion and separate child health programs.

## **Health Care Delivery System**

- The service delivery system is the same as Medicaid. Medicaid and KCHIP beneficiaries are served through the Kentucky Patient Access and Care (KenPac) Program, authorized through a section 1915(b) Medicaid waiver, in all of the State except the Louisville Region where beneficiaries are served by a Health Care Partnership, a managed care organization authorized through a section 1115 Medicaid waiver.

## **Benefit Package**

- KCHIP is a benchmark plus package that is based on the State Employees Health Benefits Plan with additional services that bring the package almost to the level of the Medicaid package with the exception of EPSDT, special services, and non-emergency transportation.

## **Cost Sharing**

- 18-year old beneficiaries pay \$1 copayments for pharmacy prescriptions and \$2 copayments for office visits to dentists (except for preventive dental visits), optometrists, opticians, audiologists, hearing aid dealers, chiropractors, and podiatrists.
- Premiums of \$20 per family per month for families with income from 151 through 200 percent of the FPL.

## **State Action to Avoid Crowd Out**

- Applicants cannot be enrolled in KCHIP if they have had health insurance within the past 6 months, unless they met an exception as defined by the State. Exceptions include loss of employment due to factors other than voluntary termination, death of a parent, divorce when the child's coverage was provided by a non-parental adult, and change to employment that does not offer dependent coverage.

## **Coordination Between SCHIP and Medicaid**

- The local Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) offices provide eligibility determination for Medicaid, and KCHIP's enrollment process is blended with Medicaid.

## **Outreach Activities**

- The State has conducted media campaigns and outreach activities at schools, clinics, community centers, health fairs, health departments, and housing projects. Other coordination efforts include working with agencies that have contact with eligible populations, such as the Salvation Army, Head Start, food banks and local churches.

## **Financial Information**

Total FY 2004 SCHIP Allotment -- \$39,286,749

FFY '04 Enhanced Federal Matching Rate -- 79.06%

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